



Community News and Events

BREAKING NEWS: CEC Officially Denies Certification for the Eastshore Energy Center in Hayward



The California Energy Commission (CEC) today officially denied the Eastshore Energy Center for certification. This is a huge win for the residents of Hayward and surrounding communities.

The location of the Eastshore Power Plant would have negatively impacted the operations of the Hayward Executive Airport and the lives of those who reside, learn, and work at nearby homes, schools, and retail centers.

Thanks to the thousands of concerned citizens who wrote letters of opposition; the legal objections from the City of Hayward, Alameda County, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, and the Group Intervenors including Citizens Against Pollution, San Lorenzo Village Homeowners Association and the California Pilots Association; along with legislation introduced by Assemblymember Hayashi, this power plant was stopped.

California Congress of Seniors Ranks Assemblymember Hayashi at the Very Top



The California Congress of Seniors released its 2008 Legislative Report Card that reviewed the twenty most important bills affecting the lives and well-being of 4.5 million seniors in California. Assemblymember Hayashi received a perfect score for her voting record in the Assembly.

The top bills included issues covering health care reform, nursing home care, information on end-of-life care for terminally ill, and planning services for Alzheimer's patients. For more information, go online to www.seniors.org

Area Transportation Projects Moving Forward



Two major transportation projects are moving forward to help relieve traffic congestion. In September, the groundbreaking occurred for the new Tri-Valley Rapid Transit Corridor along Interstate 580 from the I-580 & I-680 Interchange in Dublin/Pleasanton to Greenville Road in Livermore. Ranked the third most congested corridor in the afternoon for the Bay Area, the corridor will be expanded to accommodate a new High Occupancy Vehicle / Rapid Transit Lane, a bus connection to the existing BART station, and auxiliary lanes and modifications at the I-580/I-680 interchange.

The second major project announced in September is the improvements at the intersection of Interstate 580 and Redwood Road in Castro Valley. This intersection will become a complete diamond interchange where traffic will flow on and off Redwood Road in all directions providing greater access to the Castro Valley BART station and downtown businesses. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled on October 16th at 1:00 p.m.

New College for the Arts Coming to Las Positas College



Groundbreaking took place in September on the new College for the Arts at Las Positas College that serves the Tri-Valley area. This project will provide classrooms and space for music, dance and speech courses. It will also include a state-of-the-art theater that will enable Las Positas' students to succeed academically, progress in the workplace, and engage in civic and cultural life.

Thanks to the voters' passage of Measure B, \$230 million has been allocated to Las Positas College for renovating and expanding upon their facilities to support the high-quality academic programs required of this premier community college.



Assemblymember Hayashi's Legislative Update



ACR 87 – Legislative Task Force: Peripheral Neuropathy establishes the Legislative Task Force on Peripheral Neuropathy and its vital mission to promote the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment and management, and to create programs to promote public and physician awareness of various treatments in order to improve patient care.

Peripheral neuropathy is a disorder that results from impairment or damage to nerves peripheral to the brain and spinal cord. Peripheral neuropathy can result from various causes including metabolic disease, viral and bacterial infection, physical injury, poisoning, malnutrition, and genetic disorder. An estimated 20 million people in the United States suffer from peripheral neuropathy, but for many people, the disease often goes undiagnosed. The task force shall submit its report of findings and best practices for treatment and public awareness to the state legislature on or before March 31, 2009. ***Sponsored by the Neuropathy Action Foundation – Chaptered into Law.***

AJR 43 – Voting Rights: Mental Health calls on Congress and the President of the United States to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that all eligible citizens with mental disabilities may participate in the U.S. voting process. The chaptering of AJR 43 is both timely and needed because currently, 18 states disenfranchise individuals with mental health conditions which may not interfere with their ability to understand political views or make sound decisions. Fortunately, California's voting system leads the nation in extending this constitutional right to every eligible resident who desires to vote. ***Author Sponsored – Chaptered into Law.***

AB 1754 – Community Colleges: Grade Changing Policies will require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to distribute a model policy for grade changing to each of the California community college districts. This bill is in response to the 400 illegal grade changes conducted within the Contra Costa Community College District in exchange for cash. Over 50 people, including students, have been identified in the scandal. Some have been charged with felonies involving fraud and conspiracy. ***Author Sponsored – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 1951 - Mental Health Services Act: Supportive Housing gives counties legislative authority to build community-based housing that provide mental health services. The bill would also require counties to ensure, in the terms and conditions for the use of public funds, that any property acquired or new buildings constructed with these funds will be used for the public purpose of providing programs, services, or administrative support consistent with MHSA. This bill will help expedite funding so the money can get out to community providers delivering critical mental health services on the ground as soon as possible. ***Sponsored by the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 1997 – Vision Care: PERS establishes the Retired Employees Vision Care Program for the retired annuitants from local agencies such as firefighters, police officers and teachers who are enrolled with CalPERS for retirement benefits. This bill will establish the conditions under which an annuitant may qualify to participate in the vision care program. Each retiree will be responsible for paying the vision premium, which will be determined by CalPERS. ***Sponsored by the Retired Public Employees Association – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 2231 – Family Violence Prevention will allow Alameda, Solano and Sonoma Counties and the City of Berkeley to authorize a fee of up to \$2 for marriage licenses and other documents in order to fund governmental oversight and coordination of domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution effort. This bill will extend the previous sunset date from 2010 to 2015. ***Sponsored by the Family Justice Center of Alameda County – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 2413 – **CalTrans Properties** will require that a small parcel of land currently owned by the California Department of Transportation be made available for purchase by the City of Hayward’s redevelopment agency first in order to continue community senior nutritional meal services. The sale shall take place after the land has been declared surplus. ***Authored Sponsored – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 2622 – **Clean Technology Employer Training Program** would codify clean technology as an industry priority for the Employment Training Panel (ETP). The ETP was founded to keep California’s economy competitive in the global workforce by providing employers with training grants to equip workers with necessary skills. This bill would formally identify this as a priority for the agency while preserving their discretion. Because of the green movement, it is important to recognize and distinguish the need for clean technology trainings to be a priority. ***Author Sponsored – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 2804 – **California Solar Initiative: Timeline Requirements** will provide California schools additional time to complete projects under the California Solar Initiative in order to receive rebate incentives. There are over 9000 schools in California. Increasing solar energy by allowing schools extra time to participate in this program will not only benefit California’s schools financially, but will also help reduce our state’s energy consumption, and reduce our carbon footprint by using clean energy. ***Sponsored by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District – Chaptered into Law.***

AB 2861 – **Mental Health Parity** would require HMOs to cover emergency mental health care and services without prior authorization. It also clarifies the definition of an emergency mental health condition to ensure medical treatment. ***Sponsored by the California Hospital Association – Vetoed by the Governor.***

AB 2904 – **Child Mortality Review** will clarify that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to access reports on cases of protected child mortalities in all 58 counties in California. In the instance of an avoidable protected child death, the Board of Supervisors can help to ensure that a similar incident does not happen again. ***Sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors – Chaptered into Law.***

AB 2946 – **Cemetery and Burial Fee** would reinstate a quarterly fee up to \$8.50 for each burial, entombment, and inurnment to be paid to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau. This money would be deposited into the Cemetery Fund and will allow the Cemetery Bureau to maintain sufficient revenue to continue providing the required services and inspections. ***Sponsored by the California Department of Consumer Affairs – Chaptered into Law.***

Governors Signs the State Budget



After a record 81 days without a state budget, the legislature reached a negotiated settlement with the governor and voted in support of a compromised budget that spared education and health care from draconian cuts but lacked a permanent solution to the state's future financial stability. Prior to this vote, the Democrats had released the [2008-09 Budget Committee Conference Report on July 14th](#) and submitted the proposal for full consideration on August 17th that protected state services and responsibly eliminated the \$15.2 billion budget deficit. The proposal failed to pass when none of the Republicans would cast an "Aye" vote for that budget.

With each day that passed without a budget, the anguish among those who rely on state funds grew. Long-term care facilities that look after our seniors and people with disabilities were pleading for a budget as they had borrowed all they could to keep their businesses afloat. School districts had started the academic year without knowing if they would have the resources to hire additional teachers. Day care facilities, which had not been paid since July 1st, proclaimed they can no longer afford payroll and were skimping on the food they served our kids. College students who rely on state grants to pay for tuition and books risked the real prospect of being dropped from their classes or falling further behind their peers.

The people of California deserve better. The future of our state can no longer afford year-after-year budget delays. We need real budget reform that puts education first, offers health care to our most vulnerable citizens, funds programs to protect our environment, and strengthens our economy that fosters job growth.

The California constitution requires the state budget to pass by a super majority vote of two-thirds from both houses of the legislature and the signature of the governor. California is the only state in the nation that mandates such an extreme threshold. In fact, forty-seven out of fifty states including the United States Congress can pass a budget with a simple majority.

It is long past time to end this archaic way of passing a state budget. We must come together and reform the budget process by reducing the vote threshold to a simple majority. Through this one important change, we can make living in California better.

For an overview of the final budget compromise, [click here](#).

Palma Ceia Baptist Church in Hayward Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary



On September 21st, an overflowing crowd celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Palma Ceia Baptist Church. Founded by Reverend Charles Franklin Bennett and his wife Mary Louise Stone Bennett, the church has been pillar of spirituality for its more than 3,000 members and has gained a national reputation as a pacesetter among churches.

A notable example of its success is the church's Youth Ministry which encourages scholastic achievement, provides annual scholarships awards, and stresses the importance of civic responsibility and engagement. Congratulations!

7th Annual Healthy Aging Fair in Hayward a Big Success



Thousands of residents attended the 7th Annual Healthy Aging Fair hosted by the Alameda County Commission on Aging's Health and Safety Committee. Assemblymember Hayashi conducted a mobile district office where attendees were able to pick-up free copies of her Senior Community Resource Guide, brochures on health related topics, and information on a wide variety of important issues. Staff was present throughout the event to provide assistance with state agencies.

Other activities offered at the fair included diabetes and glucose screenings, blood pressure testing, bone density scanning, podiatry services, and balance and gait testing. The fair also provided information on health insurance, prescription drug management, home safety, accident and fall prevention, Medicare and Medi-Cal insurance, and Social Security benefits.

Eden Housing Turns 40 Years Old



Assemblymember Hayashi honored Eden Housing, Inc. for forty years of service as a leader in creating access to affordable housing to over 5,000 Bay Area homes. Since its conception, Eden Housing has partnered with 20 cities in six counties and has plans to expand into the San Joaquin Valley.

Eden Housing's mission is to build and maintain high-quality, well-managed, service-enhanced affordable housing communities that meet the needs of lower income families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

At the birthday celebration inside Hayward City Hall's rotunda, it was standing room only with repeated words of good cheer and praise for the organization's continued success.



San Leandro's City Manager, John Jermanis, Retires from Service



After 37 years of service to the city of San Leandro, City Manager John Jermanis retired from his duties on September 6th. Mr. Jermanis oversaw all city programs and projects, a \$112 million annual budget, and nearly 500 city employees.

During his years of service, he played an instrumental role in the rehabilitation of Bayfair Center, building of Creekside Office Plaza, opening of two new fire stations, the new Washington Manor Branch Library, the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center and the San Leandro History Museum to name only a few of a long list of accomplishments.

At his retirement reception, Assemblymember Hayashi honored him for his years of service. Pictured to the left, the San Leandro City Councilmembers Starosciak, Grant, Stephens, Prola, and Souza also recognized Mr. Jermanis for his great work.

LPGA Reverses Its Policy on English Proficiency Standard



On September 5th and after weeks of intense national and international criticism, the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) reversed its policy requiring all players including international athletes to speak proficient English or face suspension.

Assemblymember Hayashi stated, "The LPGA is correct for rescinding its discriminatory policy that would have suspended talented international players for not meeting proficiency requirements. It is significant for the LPGA to recognize the importance of diversity and understand that their proposal would simply set a bad precedent for other professional athletic associations."

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

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Tip of the Month

Consumer Protection Tip – Online Phishing Scams

According to onguardonline.gov, thieves use computer phishing scams to defraud unsuspecting consumers through emails and pop-up messages. Have you ever received an email/message similar to these?

"We suspect an unauthorized transaction on your account. To ensure that your account is not compromised, please click the link below and confirm your identity."

"During our regular verification of accounts, we couldn't verify your information. Please click here to update and verify your information."

If you have received these emails, do not respond as they are scams. Many of these scam emails will have a bank or credit card logo appear in the message. Although it may appear legitimate, they are not. No legitimate company would ask to verify, confirm, or update your information through an email. If you are concerned that the message may be true, do not respond to the email, but simply call your bank or credit card company using a genuine customer service telephone number from the back of the card, telephone book or from your billing statement.

If you have been scammed, onguardonline.gov suggests you do the following:

- Forward spam that is phishing for information to spam@uce.gov – and to the company, bank, or organization impersonated in the phishing email. Most organizations have information on their websites about where to report problems.
- If you believe you've been scammed, file your complaint with the FTC, and then visit the FTC's Identity Theft website at ftc.gov/idtheft. Victims of phishing can become victims of identity theft.
- You also may report phishing email to reportphishing@antiphishing.org. The Anti-Phishing Working Group, a consortium of ISPs, security vendors, financial institutions and law enforcement agencies, uses these reports to fight phishing.

Community Events

Assemblymember Hayashi Will Deliver Keynote Address at Health Care – Workforce Development Summit



On Friday, October 17th, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi will deliver the keynote address at the Tri-Valley Business Council's Health Care Industry Workforce Development Summit. A leading advocate for expanded health care services, Assemblymember Hayashi will discuss the escalating need for highly skilled and dedicated health care workers, the role of our educational institutions, and new career opportunities in the health care and mental health care fields.

The Summit – scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Carr America Auditorium, 4400 Rosewood in Pleasanton – will include health care industry professionals and associations as well as Tri-Valley education leaders, local government representatives and public agency officials.

This event is open to the public, with an admission fee of \$35. Registration is at www.trivalley.org.

2nd Annual Free Dental Screening Clinic for Kids – Bayfair Center – San Leandro – October 25th

You are invited to a
FREE
Dental Screening
Clinic For Kids



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and the Southern Alameda County Dental Society invite you to the 2nd Annual **Free** Dental Screening Clinic for Kids

Saturday, October 25, 2008

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bayfair Center, Center Court
15555 E. 14th Street, San Leandro

Please call 510-583-8818 to RSVP or go online at www.assembly.ca.gov/a18

Dental professionals will conduct **FREE** oral health assessments for children ages 4-8. Participants will also receive a dental kit provided by the Southern Alameda County Dental Society that includes a **FREE** toothbrush, dental floss and toothpaste. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Due to anticipated high-volume traffic, children will receive service on a first come, first serve basis.

Tooth decay is the number one chronic health problem among children. The good news is that it is completely preventable! Join friends and neighbors on **October 25, 2008** to get your child's oral health assessed for **FREE**. This event will also fulfill your child's oral health requirement for school at no cost to you.

Resources Available

New Publication Available



The California State Budget Process

Publications Available



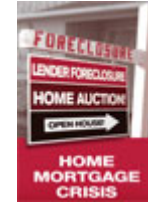
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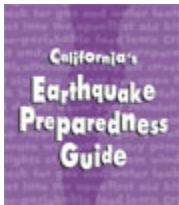
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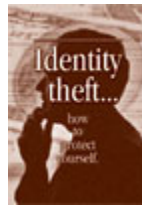
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.